

the equation is location, location, location. Well, in Washington the equation is politics, politics, politics. That is not a bad thing; that is not a good thing, but that is certainly the way this city works.

Therefore, I think the real issue to be thought about here is that it is the squeaky wheels that get greased in politics. It is important for people to speak out at town meetings across the country, in writing their Congressmen, in writing their Senators, to say if they are given the choice between spending their children's inheritance or not which one they want done. People really need to be making noise about this, because otherwise the immediate is what gets taken care of in Washington and the money gets spent.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. I think that is exactly right. That is the problem that we are facing. We have had the debate within our own conference, where we talk about debt reduction and getting our fiscal house in order, and people say, well, that does not sell.

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In reality, I think when you lay out some of the charts that we laid out earlier that talk about the burden that we are facing, that we are placing on our children, I think when you go back to the chart that the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) has up there and you start saying, wait a minute, we had \$138 billion within our grasp, and in one year we took it away from Social Security and we pile it back on to new debt for our kids, I think the American people would embrace saying, "Wait a minute, let's restrain the spending. We see this bubble coming up on Social Security. Now is the time to act." They understand these kinds of issues. They understand the crisis that we can face with the baby boomers. I think they look very positively at starting to set some of this money aside and getting our fiscal house in order. Again, this is \$57 billion of new spending. This is not to get to \$138 billion, you are going to cut spending by \$57 billion. This is \$57 billion of growth beyond what we already are planning on growing the Federal Government. This is brand new growth, brand new growth, brand new spending.

Mr. COBURN. Above the spending caps agreed to in 1997. I would like to make a point. Our country is rightly worried about education. We are going to have a lot of debates on this House floor on how we do that. But to assume that we cannot reprioritize the spending of the Federal Government to direct more money to education by eliminating waste, eliminating duplication, by doing the oversight to make sure that the programs that are out there are working means that we are lazy and we are not willing to do our job. Nobody feels that this government is efficient. It is not efficient by any standard. We can exact more efficiency from this government. If we had a crisis today in this country, if we were to

go to war or some other, we would come in here and we would make the cuts that we need to make to still offer the services but we would ensure that it was done efficiently. That is what we have to do. We have to restrain spending. We can direct more money to education, but that money should not be stolen from Social Security. It should come from the wasteful programs that this government funds today. For us to do something less than that means that we violate the very oath for the reason that we came up here.

Mr. SANFORD. We were talking a little bit earlier, and I want to go back for just one second, on possible cures for Social Security. One of the things that the President proposed in his plan was to invest about a fifth of the, quote, trust fund in equities. While that sounds very alluring, I think it is a very dangerous thing, because as Chairman Greenspan pointed out, you need to create a firewall between Social Security money and political forces in Washington.

Mr. COBURN. That is exactly what we are trying to do. We are trying to say, it is time to be honest, it is time to be straight, it is time to get the hands off the Social Security money that is there and start working on a solvable solution for it but not use it to expand the government and compound the problem associated with Social Security for the future. Remember, in 2013 we are going to be coming back, somebody is going to be coming back—I am not—to the American public and if we have not done our job in this Congress about walling off the Social Security money, we are going to be asking people to cough up a ton more money, regardless of what the economic conditions are. We are going to have to do it to meet the commitments to the seniors that are out there at that time. So we have to start. We have to start today. We have to start this year, this session of this Congress and not let anybody steal the first penny from Social Security for any program.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. The gentleman just brought up education. As he well knows over the last 2 years we have had the opportunity to go to 17 different States and take a look at the Department of Education, 760 education programs, 39 different agencies. For every dollar we spend on education, 30 to 35 cents of it stays in Washington, never gets to a child, never gets to a classroom, never gets to the local level where a parent, a school board, a teacher can say, "Let's spend this money in this way to help our kids achieve academic excellence, to get them to be able to do reading and writing and math." The problem is not that we do not have enough money here in Washington for education. The problem is that we are keeping too much of that money here in Washington. We debated a bill today that just said we are going to give some level of flexibility to local school boards, to State governments,

to take this money to get rid of red tape, to get rid of the abuse and to make this system more efficient so that rather than throwing more dollars into an inefficient system, let us make the system efficient so we can get 95 cents of every dollar into the classroom rather than the current 65 to 70 cents.

Mr. COBURN. Let me just summarize. We have about 30 seconds left. A surplus is a surplus is a surplus if it reduces the debt, reduces the debt, reduces the debt. We need to not allow anyone to spend the first dollar of Social Security on anything other than Social Security. I hope the American public can understand what we are trying to do here is to get truth-in-government back in terms of the budgeting process, so that we can start the process of saving Social Security. We will never start that process until we make the firewall and get our hands off the money that is coming in today.

Does the gentleman from South Carolina have any closing comments?

Mr. SANFORD. No, but I will see the gentleman back on the floor tomorrow morning.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. I thank the gentleman for taking the time to do this and look forward to continuing this dialogue.

Mr. COBURN. I appreciate the gentleman's help.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. CAPPS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of family illness.

Mr. FROST (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of surgery.

Mr. SHERMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of illness.

Mr. MINGE (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of illness.

Mr. BILBRAY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. NORTON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RUSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JONES of North Carolina)

to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SHIMKUS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCINNIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. WILSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today and on March 11.

Mr. FOSSELLA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEMINT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WELLER, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 882. An act to nullify any reservation of funds during fiscal year 1999 for guaranteed loans under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act for qualified beginning farmers or ranchers, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 11, 1999, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

[Omitted from the Record of December 17, 1998]

A letter from the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting list of reports pursuant to clause 2, rule III of the Rules of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Rule III, clause 2, of the Rules of the House. (H. Doc. No. 105-330); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

[Omitted from the Record of January 6, 1999]

A letter from the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting list of reports pursuant to clause 2, rule III of the Rules of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Rule III, clause 2, of the Rules of the House. (H. Doc. No. 106-37); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

[Submitted March 10, 1999]

958. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 1998-99 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV99-982-1 IFR] received March 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

959. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of

Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin; Additional Option for Handler Diversion and Receipt of Diversion Credits [Docket No. FV99-930-1 IFR] received March 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

960. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Increase in Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV99-989-2 IFR] received March 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

961. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Relaxations to Substandard and Maturity Dockage Systems [FV99-989-1 FIR] received March 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

962. A letter from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Office's final rule—Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Provider Certification Requirements—Corporate Services Provider Class (RIN: 0720-AA27) received March 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

963. A letter from the AMD-Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Private Land Mobile Radio Services [WT Docket No. 97-153] (RM-8584, RM-8623, RM-8680, RM-8734) received February 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

964. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Publication or Submission of Quotations Without Specified Information [Release No. 34-41110; File No. S7-5-99] (RIN: 3235-AH40) received February 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

965. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Registration of Securities on Form S-8 [Release No. 33-7646, 34-41109; File No. S7-2-98] (RIN: 3235-AG94) received February 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

966. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Management Report of the Inspector General for the 6-month period ending September 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

967. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Postal Service, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Postal Service management response to the report for the period ending September 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

968. A letter from the Executive Director, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the SEC's Government Performance and Results Act Annual Performance Plan for fiscal 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

970. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Utah Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan [SPATS No. UT-032-FOR] received Feb-

ruary 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

971. A letter from the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Atlantic Sturgeon Fishery; Moratorium in Exclusive Economic Zone [Docket No. 990119023-9023-01; I.D. 111898B] (RIN: 0648-AL38) received February 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

972. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock by Vessels Catching Pollock for Processing by the Mothership Component in the Bering Sea Subarea [Docket No. 981021264-9016-02; I.D. 021799A] received February 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

973. A letter from the Marshal of the Court, Supreme Court, transmitting the Annual Report of the Marshal of the Supreme Court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

974. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendments to Regulations Governing Restrictive Foreign Shipping Practices, and New Regulations Governing Controlled Carriers [Docket No. 98-25] received February 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. TALENT: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 774. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to change the conditions of participation and provide an authorization of appropriations for the women's business center program (Rept. 106-47). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 103. Resolution providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 42) regarding the use of United States Armed Forces as part of a NATO peacekeeping operation implementing a Kosovo peace agreement (Rept. 106-48). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 104. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 819) to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 (Rept. 106-49). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. JACKSON of Illinois (for himself, Ms. WATERS, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Ms. LEE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. HINCHAY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. CARSON, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. WYNN, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. THOMPSON of